



Frederick County Commission For Women

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Public Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2016

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The Commission for Women meets the second Tuesday of every month (except July) at 7:00pm. The public is invited.

The Commission for Women is a program of the Frederick County Government

Commissioners Present: Annie Jones, Michelle Nusum-Smith, Sharon Dobson, Evelyn Stephenson, Christine Ferguson, Constance Baptist, Rosario Campos, Karen Czapanskiy, and Olga Hernandez-Smith

Commissioners Absent: Nina Carr, Whitney Duck, Amanda Fleet, Chloe Scott and Shellome Walters

Guests: Connie Harris, Diana Carrillo, Becky Kile, Brinley Holmes, Pat Rosensteel, Mary Ellen Mitchell (speaker), Kimba Green, Judy Smith, Theresa Smith, Janice Brown, Paula delValle, Lakshmi Darbha and Valerie Dougherty.

President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. A quorum was present at the time.

I. Executive Committee Report

- a. Commissioner and Guest Introductions were introduced.
- b. Andriana Parshall has submitted her resignation notice effective immediately.
- c. Motion was made and seconded to approve amended April 12, 2016 minutes. Motion passed.
- d. Guest Speaker, Mary Ellen Mitchell, Interfaith Housing Alliance was introduced. This organization was started 25 years ago. They offer many services including rental and sales properties to qualifying people. They also serve as the property management company for the rental properties. They serve the communities in 6 Maryland counties and 2 Pennsylvania counties. They have plans to build a 140 unit property. Their homeownership program is partly funded by a grant from the USDA. They are currently renovating 520 N. Market St, which will have condos, retail space and community space. Ms. Mitchell also discussed some of their service programs including a financial educational program.

II. Old Business

a. Heartly House Dinner

- i. Members of the Commission provided food for dinner for the Heartly House Strengthening Family Coping Resources support group. We received a thank you card for this endeavor from the group.

b. Human Trafficking Committee update

- i. The April 20th Survivor lecture and book reading was cancelled but will hopefully be rescheduled for this fall
- ii. Survey on human trafficking awareness
- iii. May 18th Forum on Human Trafficking

c. Recruiting Committee update

- i. Update on recruiting process to fill vacant or soon to be vacant positions

III. New Business

a. Upcoming events at which the Commission will be present

- i. Asian Heritage Festival

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- ii. Please sign up to represent the FCCFW at our booth. I will send an email with sign-up options through Volunteerspot.

b. Commissioner announcements

- i. Pop Up Shop, Thursday, May 12, above old Frederick NewsPost Building downtown.

IV. Adjournment at 8:00pm

V. Closed meeting to vote on appointment of new Commissioner.

Next Public Meeting: Tuesday, June 13th, 2016 at 7 pm in Winchester Hall.

Note that our November 2016 meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9th due to the election.

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